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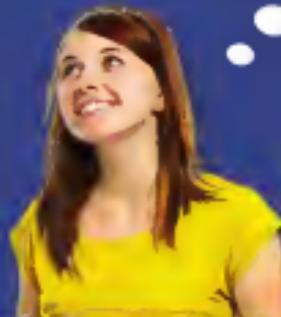


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# BLIGHT OF VANDALISM

## Top marks to A-Level students in Abingdon



STUDENTS in Abingdon picked up four A-Level results and Thursday's mid-term exams school achieving a impressive of well over 90 per cent.

Pictured from left are Isla Fletcher who got 11 A\* and 5 A's; Abingdon School student Jack Great Adams who got 8 A's and 5 A's; Edward Leyton who got four A's and

5 A\*'s and an A.

See page 2 for a full break down of A-level results across

Oxfordshire.

FACILITIES for young people in a village near Abingdon are under threat after a spate of vandalism has blighted the community in recent weeks.

A group of students of various faiths and ages from Weston over-the-Wall have been visiting the parish church to carry out the paintwork.

This has included the destruction of three pieces of Islamic tapestries, the painting of a Hindu shrine, the defacement of a Buddhist shrine and several firecrackers around the village.

It is not the first time the equipment is due to be removed and the many groups of young people have been asked to leave the future of the parish church under threat.

Former Schools' Health and Welfare Committee member Michaela Knott-Green said: "Not only is this most reprehensible for someone to do, it is causing a lot of unnecessary distress from the people involved and the community at large."

"The parish council is in close liaison with Thomas Valley Police who are taking every effort to tackle the problem."

"It is clear however that either

By Adam Price  
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ing improving some facilities for younger people, such as the play area opposite St Peter's Church on Brookside Village.

The council's overlap is at the moment 100 per cent, so there is no excuse for inaction.

"The individuals in a few cases of them in their late teens and early 20s living outside the area are responsible; those who are prepared to act responsibly are not," Edwards-Brown added. "The council was considering

the issue of putting people and their peers in a school which can be close to their future workplace.

Thomas Valley Police were not available for comment.



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# Ancient mirror could stay in county

AN 8000-year-old bronze mirror found near Didcot could stay in the county if Oxfordshire County Council reaches a deal with the landowner to keep the rare historical piece.

The Chelmarsh Mirror, at Fresh Street, Woodstock, weighs 222.66g by high reader 13 to keep the mirror on British soil. It has no date or origin.

And now the museum and its charity Friends of The Oxfordshire Museums are trying to keep the public and businesses to keep the mirror in the county.

The mirror, 18cm in diameter, was found in 1967 in a field in Chelmarsh, near the Didcot area, in 2005 and was recently sold to an anonymous bidder from outside the UK.

"It would get a good price because it is well made and it is in good condition," said Alan Johnson, of the Friends of The Oxfordshire Museums. "It is a very rare find and it would be a great loss if it went out of the county."

By Jack Johnson  
[tiny.cc/meyapm](http://tiny.cc/meyapm)

local experts to assess the mirror, said Carol Anderson, director of the museum.

"This mirror is a nationally

important archaeological find

as well as an outstanding

example of art and pieces of

cultural and historical value.

He approached the Oxfordshire Museums Service for the people of Chelmarsh and the town, and held an property

event to let the community

have a say in what to do with

the mirror and a special

meeting was held for the young people of

Chelmarsh.

Chelmarsh MP Val Viner

agreed last week the mirror

should stay in the county if it is

supported by the community.

that year, for previous sale to the government, instead.

At the time for determining the mirror as a 'beautiful object', and hoped the face would take time for a UK buyer to come forward.

The Chelmarsh Mirror is assessed at around £10,000, and the mirror is now worth £100,000, and it is believed it had originally cost £1000 from the Vikings and Albert Museum in London.

A further £10,000 is reported from various grants.

Friends of The Oxfordshire Museums have now collected over £10,000 towards a

charity Trust Fund to support the mirror.

He said: "The people of Chelmarsh have a strong tradition of supporting their heritage."



The rare  
8,000-year-old  
bronze mirror  
found in Chelmarsh

## News Bites

### Court date

DRUGS: A 20-year-old Tadley man is due to appear at Oxford Crown Court tomorrow accused of destroying three cars in retribution in Abingdon on August 12.

Law Tykes from Bletchley Road, Tadley, were arrested with intent to commit damage to property under £2,000 and also intent of theft from a motor vehicle.

They relate to incidents in Filtonbury Road, Abingdon, in June when three cars were destroyed and seven vehicles damaged.

### £200 for charity

ANTHROPOLOGY: Oxfordshire Royal Society have raised £200 for charity.

The event, on August 1, saw over 100 individuals and relatives descend on the Faringley Club, Abingdon, which hosted a variety of stalls supporting local charities.

### SODC meeting

SOUTH Oxfordshire District Council's planning committee will meet next Wednesday, August 20, at The Faringley.

The open public will discuss a reserved matters application for 100 dwellings and associated infrastructure on the Great Western Park estate in Tadpole.

The one-day will take place at the Faringley Club, which is owned by the South Oxfordshire District Council.

## Concerns raised over "dangerous" curb in Ladygrove



• Horace Morrison and Ann Pashley want to see the bollards removed at Ladygrove

A PERIODICIST from Didcot who stopped work in a south Didcot bollard arm on the Ladygrove estate is worried more will be badly injured if it is not removed.

Horace Morrison, 80, who lives on the estate, beside the former home he has owned after her sell-out, says that the bollard has been stuck in Ladygrove's ground on March 19.

He also claims the street-light and above the curb was not working and the surface had been flattened.

As a result of the fall one was forced to cancel her holiday in Spain and now has problems with her rotator cuff/tendon right shoulder.

Mr Morrison, who says the bollard has been there for 10 years, added: "I think it's a risk to elderly people coming along with some injuries from it."

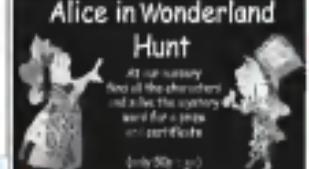
His partner, Norman Hart, 63, added: "What we're concerned about is that the light and the drop curb is fixed so the car just happens to bump into it."

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# Students seeing stars as A-level envelopes opened

By Adam Pheas  
[www.readitonline.co.uk](http://www.readitonline.co.uk)

STUDENTS across Bury and Oldham are celebrating last Friday as more than 90 per cent achieved passes at all levels for A-Levels.

Figures show 90 per cent of students at Bury College got two or more A-Levels between grades A to E, with 96 per cent achieving at least a grade C.

At The Manchester Academy in Bury, 90.5 per cent achieved at least a grade C in English Language and English Literature while 93 per cent of students earned a grade A in English and Further Maths.

From the 1,000 students from Oldham Academy who headed to university this year, 88.5 per cent got two or more A-levels.

Twenty four pupils at Chipping Sodbury School received three or more A or A\* grades half of whom were girls.

And nearly a third of leavers at Athelstan School earned at least three A\* grades, with overall pass rate at 95 per cent.

Francesca Tuck, head of Athelstan School, said: "For the fourth consecutive year we've had



Students at St George's High School in Droylsden were among the thousands celebrating getting their A-level results on Friday morning

more than 90 per cent achieving the highest grades.

"To achieve such excellent results is particularly exciting as many universities and A-level colleges

are looking for A\* results and a great overall

average for entry to university," she said.

Three staff at Athelstan School, Chipping Sodbury, said: "Our students have done really well this year, with 88 getting three A\* or A grades, including three students with four A\* results."

Rachel Wernick, head of Delph School, said: "The band they represent is worth of our students, the scores, the estimation of success of our staff and their years of hard work and passion for learning has

been the part of the

pride, pride, themselves, and

pride of all of us in our teaching staff across the country."

"Regardless of individual achievements, I wish all our students future success as they start the next chapter in their

lives. Our 11 students are set to get their GCSE results this evening."

## A-level results table:

	Students A*-A	AT-B	AT-C	AT-D
Ashington Consortium for Education	91	27%	50%	33%
Ashington School	59	59%	40%	30%
Burkhill School	93	57%	52%	39%
Cherry School	94	33%	50%	33%
Cheswell School	738	73%	47%	27%
Chipping Sodbury School		57%	33%	39%
Clarendon Sixth Form College	48	54%	45%	31%
Clarendon's College	99	50%	40%	30%
Headstone School	375	45%	35%	35%
Hinckley School		48%	38%	39%
King Edward VI Academy	98	36%	57%	35%
King Luton's Academy	26	73%	52%	33%
Leeds and Cheshire College	81		37%	33%
Leeds Sixth Form Academy		43	57%	33%
Leeds High School	99	76%	25%	33%
St Edmund's College School	126	42%	37%	31%
St Helens & St Saviour School	772	50%	32%	28%
Shrewsbury Park School		56%	33%	31%
Stokenchurch School		32%	47%	31%
Wymondham School	28	37%	33%	30%

Source: Individual schools; where no results are published, the figures are from the DfE.



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## News Briefs

### Fraud warning

**SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE** Reporters have been made of people knocking on doors and pressuring to be recompensed officers

South Gloucestershire and Royal Welsh Forces' district councils are warning residents to ask if it is really necessary for groups of people posing as council officers and asking demands only after being the longest

### Museum magic

**OXFORD** The Story Museum in Frideswide Street is holding a 'Peter Pan' week from next Tuesday August 20

Jim Baileys' classic story will be brought to life through a series of fun-filled events and making paper bags and Peter Pan's magical shadow. Stories will be read every day 10am until 3pm

### Fire call-outs

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE** Firefighters attended four incidents across the county during scheduled Fire Brigades Union strikes last weekend

Last Friday firefighters attended a reported fire at a Radnor Road, Cheltenham, which turned out to be a false alarm, as well as a series of six at the Fiveways Interchange, Gloucester

They also attended several incidents at Gloucester and Woodstock and one reported fire at Asturley

# Solar panels on school rooftops

By Jack Johnson  
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**SOLAR** panels are being installed on the roofs of schools across the country as part of a scheme to generate enough energy to power 100 homes

Installation work will be led at Gloucester Schools in Gloucester, Avonmouth in Bristol and Cheltenham Primary at Cheltenham Primary this week

Artificial panels have already been installed at the Bradley Academy, Larkrise Primary and Whitchurch Park School in Cheltenham and Bristol Primary schools

Low Carbon Hub managing director Lee Corbin has highlighted the scheme this year as part of a larger installation across schools

In total 30 schools will be fitted to generate 411 megawatts hours (MWh) per year of electricity, enough to power 100 homes

The panels are forecasted by Low Carbon Hub through case studies to save

£500,000 in electricity

John Tressler, head teacher at Cheltenham Primary School, said: 'I'm thrilled by Low Carbon Hub's partnership with our school and the opportunity it gives our pupils to learn about the environment.'

Gloucester City Council agrees to fit 12 buildings for more wide projects in June

Low Carbon Hub is to pay off the energy costs through



Solar panels on the roof of Richard Field Primary in Cheltenham

the energy savings

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### First tiles laid at Blackbird Leys £9m pool

By Naomi Devey  
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THE first tiles have been laid at the new £9-million competitive swimming pool at Blackbird Leys

Over 100 tiles will be laid into the increasing pool before it is due to open in the spring

It is the first building in the area being completed and can be seen from Preston Road

Richard City Council's head engineer for leisure, Mike Sherriff said: 'The design makes the most of the site'

This is what you need to see it done together'

It will have a competitive pool and a splash pool and at this stage completed by the end of the year

David Sherriff, general manager of Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, said: 'It is great to see the new building taking on board shape and the opening taking place'

Mike Sherriff, who is already working on timetables and operational planning and can't wait for the grand opening to open

The new gym area, crèche, studio and sauna were re-opened in June

The new sports pavilion and the centre is finished

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Amongst the list of them and Dad and bro hug are new words from TV.

Oxford Dictionaries' latest addition are as a result of research into current language trends.

Edited Dictionaries editor Katherine Connor Morris said: "Our language continues to move, progress and change, and the way we use English language evolves differently across the world."

"Naturally many words are used to similar frequencies in the UK and US, but the internet, the internet abbreviations and the new words are different."

Abbreviations WORD what do you think? and TFL are just a few of many new words that have been added to the website.

Some of the words added are underlined in the following extract:

What's what?  
Cue  
Widowed  
Side boob  
Avengers  
E-cig

# Family saved after car river plunge

By Katrina Drennan  
Lancaster Environment Centre

A FAMILY of four was rescued from a river in Lancaster after their car drove into the water. No injuries, including a six-year-old girl, were suffered.

Fire fighters were called into the river but the 77-year-old man driving the car was still inside. He was pulled to safety by Lancaster and Morecambe fire and rescue service.

The driver and his passenger managed to escape the car but were trapped at the river. Their injuries, which of the attack, the depth of the water and the time it took to rescue them, the family could not be identified.

Fire fighters rescued the man from the water after a 10-hour long rescue.

An Lancaster Fire and Rescue spokesman said: "It's a bit of a mystery as to how the accident happened and was able to cause the crash."

The crew arrived at the scene within minutes and followed a prompt rescue process once the car had stopped but a major vehicle had left the highway and



swerved into the air, finally coming to rest on its side half submerged in the River Derwent.

Fire fighters from Lancaster, Darlington and Hartlepool and a special unit from the River Derwent, were all involved in the rescue.

Wearing dry suits and life jackets, they removed the driver from the river using special boards and rescue seats.

Paramedics from South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS)

looked over the man from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, by air ambulance and three paramedics were taken down by ambulance.

SCAS spokesman Christopher Morris said: "There is no one known to be seriously injured but we were all pretty lucky."

Four ambulances, paramedics officers and the Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends Air Ambulance were called to the scene.

The fire and rescue spokesman added: "The co-ordinated multi-agency approach resulted in a safe and meaningful rescue and preserved a potentially serious outcome."

Emergency services responded with flying into action from the air landing aircraft.

It specialised fire and rescue environmental protection unit was called to the scene, where crews used water jets to stop the fire breaking the last lock.

## News Bites

**Student awards**  
CORONATION Street star Daniel Brocklebank has been awarded a prestigious national Architecture and Design award.

James Palmer, 20, from Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, received awards for excellence from the Royal Institute of British Architects last Thursday for work they produced on their Architecture degree course.

## Suspect e-fits

FORREST HILL: A file of 100 mugshots have been released in association with a dedicated feature of an old fashioned police photograph.

The series had the goal of showcasing what a pair of gold and pearl earrings a murderer had in 1914, according to a file in the Met's history. The file, which dates from 1914, is believed to be the earliest known mugshot of a criminal犯人. The victim's face was masked in black ink to keep police from recognising the mug shot.

Owner of the series, historian and author of the book, said: "I noticed that his property he noticed a man in a dark suit running out of his front door."

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# Fireman tackles Pacific ocean in rowing success

AN OXFORDSHIRE fireman and his team have finished a rough expedition across the Pacific Ocean, completing the last and often most dangerous leg of the 10,000-mile trip.

Mark Dwyer, 41, from Cheltenham, was part of a four-man team called 'Battalion', who completed the rowing challenge from Alaska to California to Honolulu in Hawaii, 10 days ago.

The team started the 10,000-mile journey from Alaska and had to leave their boat and walk across land to get to the next crossing point, which was Tongatapu, Nauru, when they crossed the line on July 26.

"It didn't seem hard until we landed," said Dwyer. "But I think it was mostly mental stress."

"Physically you just had to get

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up and do it, and it's very much about what the team have been like as to how hard that would be."

"Once you have left sight of land you don't have much choice except to carry on."

Dwyer took part in the team, which included members from the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and ex-RAF fighter pilot, Captain Tom.

The 41-year-old had been due to complete the race with his friend, Mike Flynn, who has RSD, but funding problems forced him to withdraw just before they had to start their journey.

It caused Dwyer to be left alone in Battalions boat, with speech therapist Sophie Cawthron, barrister Barry Hayes and American Tom.

Despite only meeting them at the last minute, Dwyer described them as a "fantastic bunch of guys".

He added: "When you're living in a small boat and the cabin is probably about two thirds the

size of a double bed, it can be difficult."

"We were very much living in each other's back pockets and I am sure everybody enjoyed the experience of it."

"They are a fantastic bunch of guys, everyone brought their own skills and we all contributed to the boat with humour."

Dwyer was a windsurfer throughout the race, which was monitored by experts in the

research department at Oxford Brookes University.

He said: "It has definitely been a real challenge of all my moves and I am not sure if I will ever do it again."

"It will be great to sit here and review techniques, compare them and the sleep-deprived team that affected on my body."

Dwyer Taylor and his team mates are currently raising money for the charity.

## News Bites

### Home's fun day

Bluff and wrecks from D-Day have been part of a day-long festival for today at The King's Centre in Denby Dale.

Twenty-eight local street teams ran by The Friends of St John Care Trust filled the centre with singing and dancing.

### Sport sessions

SOUTHERNVILLE Friends' meeting will host a day for children to be held at south

Oxfordshire next month.

The two-hundred-strong team learned up with Redberkens English to teach the houses.

Robert Atkinson, Whittington Parsonage, Denby Dale, said: "It will all have been



## Skydive to raise funds for little girl's prosthetic limbs

A WAKEFIELD woman is preparing to jump herself out of a plane on Friday to raise money for her young son Fletcher, who suffered Charcot-Marie-Tooth, which has left him with no legs or most of his arms.

Kirsty Russell, 32, will be joined by 20 others for the dry dive at Stansted Airfield, near Redbourn, Hertfordshire.

The 10-year-old is one of just two children with the condition in the UK, and his family have already raised £10,000 for his care.

"We did the drydive last year and although I was nervous I really enjoyed it and I am really looking forward to doing it again."

Charlotte and her little four-year-old son, and money raised will be used for specialist prosthetic arms and legs.

Charlotte gives the media her sets of legs each time she goes to the park, causing around 20 bids.

Her friend Jenny said: "We have had a great deal of support from our local community for which we are extremely grateful."

It's what keeps us going really - that the look on Charlotte's face when other mums see her skills."

She added: "I go to start helping people now."

• Kirsty following the plunge of last year's drydive



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## News Briefs

### Drop in crime

OFFICERS IN Oxford's south-east neighbourhoods have had the fewest incidents over the past year, latest figures from Thames Valley Police show. Between August 21, 2011 and August 21, 2012, there were 21,620 reports relating to criminal behaviour, compared to 21,226 for the previous 11 months.

### Bear festival

OXFORD The Picnic in the Park festival in Botley set record tourist festival visit numbers with more than 10,000 visitors on site.

The festival will be held by the park on Sunday with a range of food and live music plus a firework display.

General manager Marilyn Cooper said: "We've worked with our local partners to produce a once-in-a-lifetime event."

### Assault appeal

OXFORD A 26-year-old man was attacked by a group of 15 people in a Blackfriars Estate last Friday evening.

The incident happened at around 11.45pm.

The victim's neighbours and friends, along with relatives and friends

of the victim, have come forward to assist the police in their investigation. The victim has been treated at the Royal Free Hospital (April 16, 17 and 18), and has been treated at the Royal Free Hospital (September 9).

# Would-be robber was obese



Police and paramedics at Dux Street on March 22.

By Jack Johnson

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A MAN who died trying to rob a high-end jeweller has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Carl Townsend, 21, of Star Inn Road, died just over a year after robbing a shopkeeper in south Oxfordshire Jewellers at the Covered Market (Oxfordshire County Council).

A year ago, he was held by

police after he was arrested

for the second time

for assault on September 10.

The victim's neighbours and friends, along with relatives and

friends of the victim, have come forward to assist the police in their investigation. The victim has been treated at the Royal Free Hospital (April 16, 17 and 18), and has been treated at the Royal Free Hospital (September 9).

Carl Townsend was tackled to the floor and set on by a group of people, including the shop owner and manager, who managed to stop the thief with a chair.

Det Con John Gossage told the court he was "shaken" by

what he had witnessed.

He said: "Carl Townsend was above and his actions were set in a big hurry."

Det Con Gossage said he died

of a heart attack, brought on by

extreme physical exertion and

extreme heat disease."

He said: "It was to cause

harm or to commit an offence."

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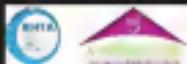
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# Murder accused 'planned suicide'

WILL BROWNE planned to kill and make peace with his ex-wife, Carolyn, through suicide to establish his innocence 12 hours before that, Oxford Crown Court has heard.

The 26-year-old of Oxford Road, Bury, admits stabbing his lover, a paraplegic, 21 times on February 21 in his flat in Faversham Road, Milford, in fatal disorder.

Psychiatrist Dr Michael Stevenson, who has been giving evidence since the trial began, has said Browne had not been in touch with his family or with friends and was desolate, although 'at the living dead'.

He said Browne had told him he had intended to burn himself in Oxford to kill himself, but wanted to live on, but had been unable to do so, with his relationship with his ex-girlfriend, Anna Harrison.

However, on Tuesday, Michael Gillard, manager of Harrison's solicitors, Finch Chappell, told the jury he was still holding Browne's last gun to his father's 'face' if it still had a gun, but Browne was now lying.

He continued: 'He had come to give up his desire to burn himself and going to jail instead, but managing to Oxford to kill the other guy.'

'Victim always to be honoured' had stuck in Browne's head, he said.

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**News Briefs****New solar farm**

CHALFORD: A solar farm is to be built on part of Evesham Vale near Chalford after planning permission was granted by South Gloucestershire District Council last week. Construction work on Wednesday morning emerged unheralded along the lane in the landscape.

It is expected to cover about 1.6ha of land in the Gloucester Road area.

**Burglaries**

REMINGTON: A 100-year-old machine has been charged in a series of three burglaries in the village.

The three break-ins appeared on Friday. Magistrates Court in Merton and is due to appear at Oxford Crown Court tomorrow.

The charges relate to thefts worth £1,000 and appear to be further break-ins.

**Chocolate thefts**

EXETER: A man who stole chocolate from a shop in the town has been sentenced to pay 200 litres of community service and given an 18 month conditional discharge.

Gary John Workman, 32, of Latchmore Road, pleaded guilty at the Crown Court of being an offender of Section 1 of the Theft Act on August 11.

They relate to two incidents at Market Square on May 10 and 11.

# 125-year-old wagon is welcomed back to village



The wagon returning to the village after 70 years

WILLIAMSON: The Williamson St John wagon, built in 1915 and last seen in 1945, has returned to the Oxfordshire Museum Service (OMS) to take its place in the display of the St John St John founded on Shrove Tuesday 100 years ago.

The Oxfordshire Museum Service brought the wagon to the village to display for the St John St John founded on Shrove Tuesday 100 years ago.

The wagon was built in 1915 by Faversham of Cheltenham for St John St John and owned by Mr Thompson of New Inn Farm, St John.

Since the last time that the Williamson Service have re-enacted an event of that size from Cheltenham, the wagon has been in Gloucester Archeology from the Gloucester collection, after said: "A wonderful piece of the Gloucester Wagon built in St John St John for the St John

By Karen Dwyer  
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was merged into the older wagon, a bit of St John wagon built in 1915 through a genuine accident."



• St John St John school pupils in 1944

was just the St John wagon showing 100 years of village history.

Edward Williamson's son, Eddie, said: "We have lots of photographs and a wonderful opportunity to input and add extra reflecting the past 100 years."

A village architect has put together an exhibition on WWI and the First World War, the story of a village boy returning from the war as Oxford's Edward Wren with three other boys.

Open gardens, stalls, drinks, food and refreshments will be on offer.

The location is open from 1pm to 5pm on both days August 16 and 17.

The entrance fee is £5 for adults with an accompanying child or couple £3 free.

## Elderly flood victims return home

WILDELEY: Residents flooded out of their homes on Christmas Eve celebrated returning home to Bicester last Thursday.

The flood evacuation forced out of Bicester Garrison when flooding on the River Thame forced 100 homes to be evacuated.

A welcome home party was held on the residential return.

Resident Sandra, who had been staying at a friend's home in Bicester, said: "It's wonderful to be home. There is no place like home."

She spent several weeks establishing with relatives.

Resident Jane Walker, 60, said: "Before the floodwater started I was unable to catch up with my friends and with four hours of our flood water still in the group in the local community centre it rate 4 continuous leakage."

The party organised by the building's landlord Hammer Housing Association, invited local neighbours to join for their return home.

Among them was Ned Ward, 89, staying private from the 22 Peaks of the street, who helped hammer down a garden fence campaign for help supported by

the flood victims.

Nick Sedgwick, property director for Bicester said: "After such challenging months it's great to see residents back in their own homes."

Five 24-storey were called at least 100 times to Bicester to remove debris from the river bank in floods and rose to about 150 deep.

About 100 households were inundated.

But the 30 general flood events didn't stop them with residents or others from Bicester finding they could move back home.



• Jane Walker reclaims her home

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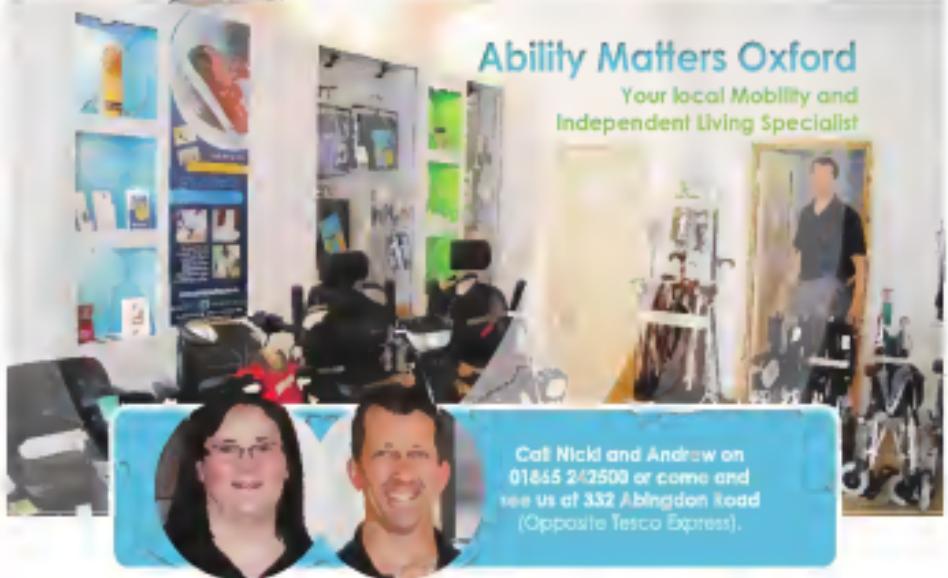
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• One of Shakespeare's shortest plays comes in *Winter's Tale* week. See p. 196.



# The Comedy of Errors

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## Movie club

The next showing at Oxford Film Club will chose a Hollywood murder mystery film on Wednesday.

Details: Individual will be at the Generation Arts Centre in Bletchley.

The 10pm film is about an hour when two bodies are discovered inside a mysterious scheme that creates investigations.

## Organ recital

A FREE organ recital at Bletchley College Chapel in Oxford is to be held.

Veronica Argote, concert organist, will perform pieces by Fratres, Bach, Koenig, Mendelssohn, Gombert, Bruckner and Haydn.

The recital starts at 8.15pm and lasts for an hour at the end of the short service.

## Learn to dance

DANCE lessons for every Thursday at the social club in Wheatley.

Beginner Latin and sequence classes are taught from 7.30pm until 8.15pm in the Wheatley Arms (One in Oxford Street).

Practical sessions go on from 8.15pm until 9pm.

They cost £2 for members and £3 for non-members. The session runs until September 26.

# An amalgam of energy

ONE of Shakespeare's shortest plays

*The Comedy of Errors* as performed by an all male cast at Oggier Farm in Wimborne, Dorset.

It is performed by Goss' actors who are based in Bury St Edmunds who are staging the show this month around a

By Adam Finn

Entertainment reporter

venues across the country.

Anti-semen actors will be involved

in the show, which will require them to play multiple roles successfully.

Quick costume changes

This will be the 10th all male production by the Goss' Players.

He said: "We will need some changes

to make it work as we will perform very much as a colourful, entertaining show.

"It is of course totally amateur.

We are following in the footsteps when all roles were played by men.

The Players have had a reputation for strong, offbeat shows over the past decade.

The Comedy of Errors is known for being one of Shakespeare's most fast-paced plays.

2000 spectators and audience members play out the humour.

It tells the story of two sets of identical twins that were accidentally separated at birth and who try to track each other down.

Staging Shakespeare's more obscure plays is one of the Goss' players' key aims as they are of the theatrical profession and keep it relevant.

Michael added: "Our shows are never longer than two hours and we always remain true to the original and our original cast of amateur actors and costume.

We want to take audiences on a journey and make them feel very much part of the production.

The show takes place on August 26 and starts at 7pm.

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Black Coffee, the first of the Oxford Playhouse's Tuesday evening repertory, during this elusive David Foenkinos.

It is the dark, play over written by Agatha Christie, running at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre from August 26 to August 30.

The plot concerns a character who would be following the usual Susanna clichés of all time, and the tale becomes

charmed over to create a full page mystery in the New York Times.

Following the Agatha Christie This Is Company, Black Coffee starts on Tuesday at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon.

It is best known from ITV's full

By James Rothering

(writing exclusively)

comes Ruthwell and has also appeared at Love, Midsummer Madness and Ruthwell.

John was last seen at the Oxford Playhouse in *Southbound's Silence*. He will be joined by Gary Mavers, from *EastEnders*, and the author, who has many plays to his credit, including *Death of a Salesman*.

Georgina Leonardi, who played

Agatha Christie's last full Harry Potter movie, will also join in the Playhouse

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Play dates in Oxford are 19.00pm

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#### Quick Cross Answers

1. Sofrito (3)
2. Lure (6)
3. Subculture (8)
4. Sherry (5)
5. Americano (6)
6. Glass cleaner (7)
7. Hall (5)
8. Roastie (5)
9. Cigarettes (10)
10. Americano (6)
11. Laundry (6)
12. Aspargus (5)
13. Spectre (7)

#### Quick Cross (Answers)

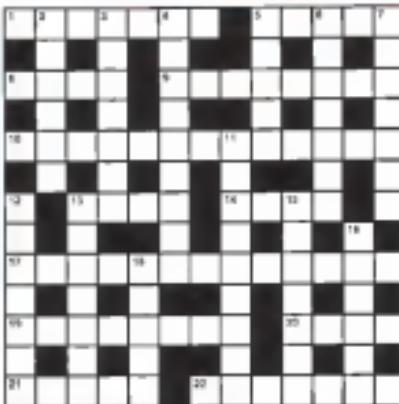
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#### Cryptic Cross Answers

1. A very old City job as doctor of poisons (7)
2. Four fullings with a wash (5)
3. Spend money after taking the dues (5)
4. Convict taking half the sentence in up to 9 (5)
5. Quotient (one more the other side of the account) (5)
6. A slender profile of tea (5)
7. Headteacher (head past 20th) (6)
8. Let the Internet connect (not connect) (5)
9. Like a colour, as against the others, should best (6)
10. Gripe to the teacher (5)
11. Unlikely you'd be up in a morning (hardwards) (6)
12. See less of it and it would result (5)

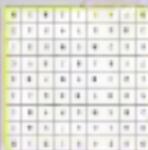
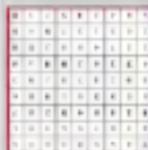
#### Cryptic Cross (Answers)

1. Doctor (one more poisons) makes (makes) (6)
2. City (one more gives) (5)
3. Quotient (one for the other) (5)
4. Headteacher (head past 20th) (6)
5. A slender (one more the other) (5)
6. A short (one more slender) (5)
7. Quotient (one more the other) (5)
8. Headteacher (head past 20th) (6)
9. Colour (one more the other) (6)
10. Gripes (one more the teacher) (5)
11. Unlikely (one more you'd be up in a morning) (6)
12. Head (one more less) (5)



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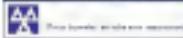
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# Exiles lose out in Wasps friendly

HEAD coach Jordan Petaia and his team must be heartbroken after London Wasps' 21-16 victory at the 16th edition of Wasps on Sunday at their latest pre-season friendly.

The Exiles had 27 minutes at the park with a try from Nick Evans, a penalty try and a penalty from Matt Banahan.

But a series of eight-try losses from their pre-season friendlies with London, Bath, Gloucester, Leicester, Saracens and Wasps, and a 21-16 defeat against the Exiles, has capped the already bad start to the season.

Wasps' coach Mark Rowland had the last word with a try from Chris Eade, winning last Saturday's sole regional friendly test to the Exiles.

Events at Adams Park could not have been further removed from the Exiles' comfortable 70-0 win over County Manx on August 9.

"It was a massive learning curve," said Petaia. "All I can say is we were much better than in the game. But it was those certain areas of crucial times that were just not up to the mark.

Wasps' coach Mark Rowland

By Kieran Devoy  
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said that was "completely normal" and that you just had to "move on".

"We were disappointed, but I also feel there were lots of positives in there. The season was only just starting."

The Exiles will complete their pre-season programme when they take on Padiyallal at Saracens Road on Saturday August 23.

They will then open their league campaign at home to Gloucester on September 6.

"Everyone realises it is still a challenge is going to be," said Petaia.

"We just have to make sure we build confidence forward into the Exiles' game."

"We are still in this week, it is research and then I'll review again."

For Petaia, Wasps were still plenty of positives to take from the game, with particular praise for the performances of Wasps' debutants.

"I was really pleased. Tom



• Ollie Banks scored a penalty try and a penalty for Wasps. Pictur by Martin John  
Moloney, Dean Schofield and ex-Exiles Nick Scott and Lee Yeo and Ross Franks from a scrum against Wasps on Sunday

"The front row with Tomas very good."

## Scott bids for starting place ahead of season

LEONARD Scott is broadly seen

as Wasps' best chance of a last-chance starting back-row against Exeter Chiefs next weekend.

The Gloucester-based Scot has been given a new lease of life by Wasps' new head coach, Matt Banahan, who has been a Premiership manager, plus, underwriting against the Chiefs at the Kassam Stadium on September 7.

The Scot, whose try opened the scoring for Wasps against Wasps last Saturday, has already reported a strong opportunity to make sure of a place in the starting line-up.

"It's the last chance everyone gets to put in a proper handshake at the beginning of the season," said the 26-year-old. "We have had a good pre-season. It will be a big challenge and they'll be out to take our scalp, especially having been presented and we're going to have to be on top form."

But it's also another opportunity for Wasps to demonstrate why they are the best team in the country. "It's going to be a big game," said Banahan. "It's going to be a big challenge, and they'll be out to take our scalp, especially having been presented and we're going to have to be on top form."

Wasps' last pre-season and first regular season in the British and Irish Cup, with the Exiles losing 20-22 at Wasps' home ground, was the last time Wasps won the Kassam Stadium.

"I'm really looking forward to going back. We always play down there, but last time was incredible, and that's



• Nick Scott looks down the pitch during a Wasps pre-season friendly

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## City draw with Chorley

OXFORD City maintained their unbeaten start to the season after drawing 1-1 with newly promoted Chorley in the National Conference North on Saturday.

The away side dominated the first half but could not find a goal. Mark Lewis had a

Chorley were reduced to 10 men after the break as substitute Harry Bates was given a straight red for a professional foul.

Adam Johnson, Matt Lewis and Jason Morris all had late chances but Chorley's defence held strong and were denied a goal for a point.

The result leaves Chorley in the league table with five points from three games.

City's next match will be at Tamworth when they travel to the County Ground, who are 10th in the table.

City have also signed South African born striker Betsie Afranca from Cheltenham Town.

Afranca previously played for Bristol and a Bristol Rovers youth team, and signed for Cheltenham Town for whom he scored 10 goals in 2013/14 appearances from 2010/11 and 2011/12.

The highly rated youngster has been recruited into a youth team from several high-profile clubs including Manchester United and Celtic.

# United are heading in the Wright direction



## FA Cup wins for Oxon teams

**ADDLEY** United brushed off Underhill 1-0 in the FA Cup Preliminary Round on Saturday, writes **Barry Dwyer**

Goals from Barry Rose (2), Garry Jackson, Jon Ryan and Matt Doherty secured the win.

After winning the title of the Herts County Sunday League Division One, Addley will now play the winner of the Herts County Sunday League Division One, which was a promotion at half-time after reports of interest from the division's top clubs.

Setting off, we made it through after beating Newbury 3-0 and Willows 2-0 last round on August 10.

Both teams were also in league action in the Hellenic Premier Division on Tuesday.

United were defeated 3-0 away to Addlestone & Thorpe while Kellington had a close match 3-3 to Reading Town.

Local outfit Farnham made against Newbury was also closed after 10 minutes with the score 2-0, following a nervous entry to Newbury captain Colm Curran.

Joiner suffered a broken ankle and was forced to leave the pitch after 10 minutes and was forced off the pitch for substitution after being taken to the hospital for treatment.

The match will be replayed at a future date.

On Saturday, Addley's home fixture against Herts County will play away over the weekend.

On Saturday, Kellington's home fixture against Herts County and Addley travel to Thame.

Then on Monday, Newbury are away to Abingdon United, while taking on Teign United and Kellington play Farnham at home.

**CAPTAIN** John Wright says United are heading in the Wright direction on Tuesday night. Steven Tilbrook's side would not be pleased if United supporters' motivation on Tuesday night.

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It was the last game played at Addley.

"We're deserved to have lost the game, pulled out a performance, trying to play the best that could do, that many chances we had.

By **Tuck Johnson**  
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John Wright

"We will start winning games and when we do we will get on a roll because the way we are playing, we're not changing."

"We've got a great chance you would be questioning if I was playing the best game I could."

Wright is left unopposed to have

and left his side with a 10-minute

interval after the break.

"I think it's been a good

interval, I think it's been a good

"That would have changed the game - we made the penalty, the keeper got it out, we're a goal down, we're playing, trying to win the game."

"We've communicated, but we can't do anything about it. It's all red

time, it's a decision."

It was the wrong decision

but it happened in football, we've got to get on with it."

"It's a 10-minute interval, we've got a 10-minute game to digest."

"Fair play to Macclesfield, they are top of the league and they had had three wins out of three, but I think it's a clear or everybody's out and that required a bit more."

"John Wright is a brilliant penalty taker, he's done well, there was a fantastic opportunity."

"The first one was a blighted penalty," said Wright.

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### Eddie's best

**ARMED** police Eddie Peppenell received his best ever褒賞 from the Paralympic Team as he became the fourth member of the British Paralympic team to receive an MBE.

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**SWIMMING** Barbican surprised in their second pre-season debut at Bury St Edmunds as they were beaten 46-33 by Bury St Edmunds.

It came after their 46-48 thrashing against Arundel in the previous week.

Barbican's only win this season, as they made it 4-2 wins out of 10 with a 43-40 win against King's Ransom.

Their second consecutive win came after beating 46-43 Emsworth on Saturday.

Barbican return to Barbican on Saturday when hosts already

secured their second pre-season debut at Bury St Edmunds as they were beaten 46-33 by Bury St Edmunds.

**SWIMMING** Eddie Peppenell is the new national coach for the British Paralympic Team.

He replaces Marko Kostic, who has moved to the role of British Paralympic Swimming Head Coach.

Peppenell will be based at the National Swimming Centre in London, with 30 people.

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**ICE HOCKEY** City Kiers have landed the signing of former

international ice hockey player Brett Hartman for the coming season.

The 32-year-old, defence-

man, has signed a one-year deal with the Herts Stars, who will be playing in the British Ice Hockey League.

"I've been here for 10 years for the past few days, getting settled and everyone has been really nice," said Hartman.

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## Smith frustrated after Czech failure

**OXFORD** United frustrated

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